

In the Court of Appeals of the State of Alaska

Raymond C. Katchatag,
Appellant,

v.

State of Alaska,
Appellee.

Court of Appeals No. **A-13311**

Order

Date of Order: **8/13/21**

Trial Court Case No. **3AN-16-09226CI**

The Appellant, Raymond C. Katchatag, is currently represented by Fleur L. Roberts, an appointed counsel who is working under contract with the Office of Public Advocacy. Mr. Katchatag, filing a pro se pleading, asks this Court to either stay this appeal or remand this case for a representation hearing. Mr. Katchatag provides no justification for this request, although he indicates that “he agrees with the State and will fill out the response [himself].” In other words, it appears that he is unhappy with Ms. Roberts’s representation.

That said, it is unclear what “response” Mr Katchatag is referring to. The briefing in this case was completed in May 2021, and there has been no request for oral argument. Practically speaking, Ms. Roberts’s advocacy role in this appeal is essentially complete. At this stage of the appeal, Mr. Katchatag — even if allowed to represent himself — cannot without a showing that good cause exists, file new pleadings, raise new claims, or request oral argument.

Because of the procedural posture of this appeal, Mr. Katchatag has provided no justification to warrant either a stay or a remand for a representation hearing. If Mr. Katchatag does not prevail in this appeal and he is unhappy with his attorney’s

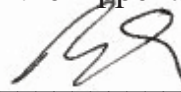
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representation, he may challenge his attorney's representation in this appeal by filing an appropriate application for post-conviction relief in the superior court.

Accordingly, the motion to stay this appeal or to remand this case for a representation hearing is **DENIED**.

Entered under the authority of Chief Judge Allard.

Clerk of the Appellate Courts



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